

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct a minor informality in response to the Notice of Omitted Items.

Claims 17-20 are now presented for consideration. Claims 17 and 20 are independent.

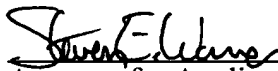
Applicant submits that claims 17-20 patentably define the features of the scanning exposure apparatus and the device manufacturing method of the present invention.

Therefore, Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue are requested.

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